

things are become new God has ministered to us His reconciliation”.

This is why Jesus had to die. There was no alternative, no other way out for God to help us. Many people concentrate on the symbol of the cross, the wooden bit, or maybe an item of jewellery made in the shape of a cross. Some crosses people wear or which are seen in churches even have Jesus still hanging on them. The truth is that Jesus not only died but rose again and now appears in the presence of God for us. He is no longer on the cross but Lord of all. His resurrection declares Jesus to be so.

We find then if there is no death, then no putting away of sin, and no freedom for us. No death ,then no resurrection and no way back to God for us. No eternal life for anyone, No hope at all.

Don't concentrate on the symbol, the logo

maybe, but consider Jesus Christ and what His death has done for you and receive Him as your Saviour. See that He died and rose again for YOU. He is coming back again too and if you receive Him, when He returns He will receive you to His glory. No death next time. That only needed to happen once! It has. Receive the Lord Jesus today.

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for helping me when I could not help myself. . I confess to you that I have sinned and done things against the will of God. Please forgive me and cleanse me from all my sin. Please come into my heart and change me so that I can truly serve you for the rest of my life.

I realise that without you I have no hope in this world but that with you I have eternal life

Lord Jesus thank you. I now

belong to you and I rejoice in you as my Saviour and can now truly call you Lord. Amen

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Much is made of religious symbols. The cross is the one always linked to Christianity. Why then the cross, and what is its significance, if any? Christianity is all about Jesus Christ, a Christian being a “Christ One”, some one belonging to Jesus Christ. Christians confess that Jesus Christ died on a cross about 2000 years ago outside Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel. This confession is supported not only by biblical accounts but by secular historians of the period. Crucifixion was the method of execution used by the Romans for the worst criminals and was that sought for Jesus by the Jewish rulers. Crucifixion was regularly used, in fact 2 others were crucified with Jesus.

The crucifixion of the other 2 is not remembered for anything significant, except that they were executed with Jesus, but the death of Jesus Christ has led to a worldwide religion with millions of followers over the last 2000 years. Therefore the method is not the most important thing but the person is. To

concentrate on the symbol is of little value, although much is made of it. To concentrate on the person is of huge benefit, so let's look at what Jesus accomplished in His death on the cross .

Paul the apostle in one of his letters talks about Jesus “making peace through the blood of His cross”. Peace with God through the blood of Jesus, which He shed, giving His life, in death on the cross. The Bible tells us too that without the shedding of blood there is no remission, no putting away ,of sin”. The life is in the blood and the shedding of blood speaks of a life given, the life of Jesus for the life of the world. We are also told that Jesus “put away sin by the offering of Himself”. It is all about Jesus and what He did, not the cross itself.

The sin, rebellion, disobedience, unbelief, in this world, what ever we want to call it, against God requires dealing with. Left as it is, sin ruins everything. We can see it by the state of the world in

which we live, where within society the manifestation of the sin in human hearts causes so much damage to many lives. Jesus put sin away. He took it on Himself. He took the judgment of God on sin in His death, so that those who really want to be free can be made free.

Paul tells us that that we who were God's enemies are reconciled to Him in the body of Jesus Christ through death. On the cross Jesus was a “place of safety” for us when God's judgment on sin took place. Jesus was a safe way through death into eternal life. In His death we are changed, our old sinful nature “is crucified with Him”. It is killed off so we no longer need to be held in the grip of our old nature. We can come to Jesus and let Him work in us now what He did for us in His death on the cross. He reconciles us to God, makes everything in us right with God.

The Bible tells us that “if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away, all

